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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Technology Center 2100

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed January 28, 2003, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims based upon the Remarks that follow:

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending.

Claims 1-18 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting over claims 1-25 of U.S. Patent No. 6,145,083. Applicants will consider filing a terminal disclaimer if allowable subject matter is indicated.

Claims 1-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Miller et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,550,968 ("Miller") in view of "Official Notice" as set forth in paragraph 5 of the Official Action. Applicants respectfully submit